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LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATION IS ASKED BY COURT TO NOMINATE MEMBER FOR GRATIS
DEFENSE. IN CRIMINAL CASES, JUDGE HAS RIGHT TO REQUEST GRATIS LEGAL
DEFENSE DIRECTLY OF ANY LOCAL ATTORNEY. IN NEITHER CASES DOES ATTORNEY
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RECEIVE FEE AND THUS GENERALLY QUALITY OF QUOTE PUBLIC DEFENDERS
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LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS LESS THAN THAT PROVIDED BY PAID, PRIVATE COUNSEL.
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WITH SUCH QUOTE PUBLIC DEFENDER UNQUOTE FOR AMCIT IN WHICH
CHARGES WERE DISMISSED BECAUSE
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